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In re: Thomas L. Deitrich

Serial No.: 10/722,198 *[Signature]*

Filed: November 25, 2003

For: METHODS, NETWORKS, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCTS FOR  
SELECTIVELY ROUTING COMMUNICATIONS BASED ON ROUTING RULES

March 24, 2004

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**PETITION TO ACCORD THE PROPER FILING DATE**

Sir:

As set forth in 37 CFR § 1.10(c) and MPEP § 506.02, Applicant hereby petitions to grant the proper filing date of November 25, 2003 rather than November 26, 2003 for the above-identified patent application as this was the date the application was deposited as "Express Mail" in the U.S. Postal Service. The following is enclosed as evidence of November 25, 2003 being the correct filing date for the application, which was properly filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10:

1. A true and accurate copy of the Cover Sheet for the Application showing the Express Mail signature and date on Page 2;
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3. A true and accurate copy of our return post card and of the official filing receipt for this application, sent by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, showing that Applicant was improperly given the filing date of November 26, 2003 instead of the Express Mail date of November 25, 2003.

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This petition is being filed promptly after Applicant became aware of the improperly accorded filing date. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the granting of November 25, 2003 as the filing date pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.10.

On the basis that Applicant properly followed the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.10 and the USPTO failed to accord the proper filing date under MPEP § 505 and thus the need to file this petition is due to error on the part of the USPTO, it is applicant's belief that no fee is due with this petition. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

Respectfully submitted,

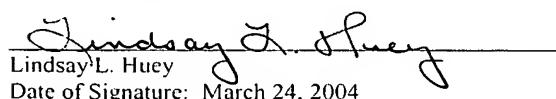


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 and claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_; filed \_\_\_\_\_.

Inventor(s) or Application Identifier:

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Entitled: **METHODS, NETWORKS, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCTS FOR  
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3.  4 sheets of Formal Drawings (35 USC 113)
4.  Oath or Declaration
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  - b.  copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d) (*for continuation/divisional*) [Note Box 6 Below])
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The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.



7.  Microfiche Computer Program (*Appendix*)
8.  Assignment papers (*cover sheet(s) and document(s)*)
9.  Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR § 1.27.
10.  Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449, and \_\_\_\_\_ references cited
11.  Preliminary Amendment (*Please enter all claim amendments prior to calculating the filing fee.*)
12.  English Translation Document
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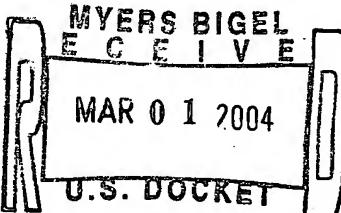
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